



**Emergency Medical Services**  
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**Farmington Fire/AMR CODE/STEMI SAVE**



(Left to Right) Firefighter/EMT Dennis Frazao, Firefighter/EMT Kyle Cunningham, Firefighter/EMT Chris Melite)  
Great work by **Farmington Fire (Town Farm)** and **American Medical Response** crews in saving a man's life in September with quality CPR, early defibrillation and great ALS care. The fire department first responders found the patient pulseless with agonal breathing. They delivered one defibrillation with their AED, which restored pulses. The patient received ALS care from paramedic Greg Marcotte with his partner Jennifer Northrop. At **UConn John Dempsey Hospital**, a 12-lead ECG revealed ST elevation and the patient was sent to the cardiac cath lab where the team found an obstructed OM1 artery that was successfully cleared and stented. The patient did well under the care of our hospital staff and has been discharged home. Great job all!



**American Heart Association**  
**ACCREDITATION**  
Meets standards for  
**Heart Attack Receiving Center**

**Mission:  
Lifeline®**

**NEW CME LOCATION-195 Farmington Ave**



On October 16, UConn EMS will hold our monthly CME at our new location. The third floor conference room at **195 Farmington Avenue**, Farmington, just minutes from the hospital. The CME will run from 8:30-11:30 A.M. and will focus on Cardiac Arrest: Past, Present and Future. There is plenty of free parking and coffee and bagels will be provided. The class is good for 3 hours of CME. Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month for the rest of 2019. No RSVP is necessary. Contact Peter Canning at [canning@uchc.edu](mailto:canning@uchc.edu) with any questions.

**Head Injury Alert**

**UConn John Dempsey Hospital** has instituted a new trauma activation category. **Head Injury Alert**. The criteria for the Head Injury Alert includes:  
*Fall from < 20 feet within the past 24 hours, on anticoagulation or antiplatelet medication\**, GCS of 14 – 15 and evidence of isolated head injury .  
EMS should use the words **“Head Injury Alert”** in their CMED radio patch when bringing these patients to **UConn John Dempsey Hospital**.

\* Activation is not required for aspirin.

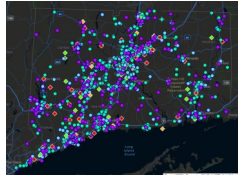
## Thank You to Area Responders

Thank you to the **Bradley International Airport Fire Department** and to all area responders, including CMED, who participated in the fire and EMS response to the mass casualty plane crash at Bradley Field on October 2. We are proud of all of you and glad you out there protecting our communities.



## SWORD Reports

Connecticut responders have called in reports on over 2,250 suspected opioid overdoses to the Connecticut Poison Control Center (CPCC) since the program began April 1, 2019 in the North Central region and June 1, 2019 statewide. The descriptions of the scenes and circumstances of the overdoses have been particularly helpful in identifying trends and areas to target resources. Please keep up this important work! Call the CPCC at 1-800-222-1222 to report all suspected opioid overdose calls. Thanks!



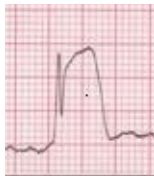
## 18 Minute Door-to-TPA

**American Medical Response** paramedic Wendall Cote and his partner James Montojo responded for a patient with sudden onset of left sided paralysis and facial droop. They called in a **Stroke Alert** to **UConn John Dempsey Hospital**. The patient received tPA within **a record 18 minutes of arrival**, and then was taken to our hybrid OR where a thrombectomy was performed, restoring blood flow. Great work all!



## STEMI Honor Role

**American Medical Response** paramedic John Racloz and EMT Walter Jablonski. **44 Minute Door-to-Balloon and 59 Minute First Medical Contact**



## UConn Health JDH EMS Website

For news, educational information, CME schedule and past copies of our newsletter *Partners*, check out our website at:

[health.uconn.edu/ems](http://health.uconn.edu/ems)

## UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

October 16, 2019 8:30-11:30 A.M.

### Prehospital Care Cardiac Arrest: Past, Present, and Future



Richard Kamin, M.D.  
Michael Joseph, M.D.  
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

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3 Hours CME  
ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME

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2019



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November 20, 2019  
December 18, 2019



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October 16, 2019  
195 Farmington Avenue



### EMS Evening Stroke Symposium

December 4, 2019  
6:00-9:00 P.M.  
Location: TBA

## CONTACT US:

Any questions or suggestions about EMS?  
Looking for patient follow-up?



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